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Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" Since this answer was sent, may I know if any further correspondence has passed with regard to this Bill and at what stage the matter stands ? "

The hon Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" No, Sir."

Secretariat

Communal representation in the Law Secretariat.

* 115 Q.—Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what is the proportion at present of the various communities in each of the several grades both in the Gazetted and Non-Gazetted service till the grade 40--40—1½—55--1--65, in the Law Secretariat of the Government of Madras ; and

(b) how many vacancies have arisen in the several grades from 1921 till the end of April 1928, and how they were filled up ?

A.—(a) The hon. Member is referred to the establishment list of the Law Secretariat corrected up to the 31st March 1928, copy of which is available in the Legislative Council Library.

(b) The Government regret that they are aware of no sufficient reason for undertaking the compilation of the information asked for.

Settlement

Names of villages in Godavari and Kistna districts selected for enquiring into the indebtedness of ryots.

* 116 Q.—Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU : With reference to paragraph 38 of the scheme report for the resettlement of Godavari and Kistna districts, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what are the villages selected for making enquiries into the indebtedness of the ryots ;

(b) how many ryots were examined in each of the said villages ; and

(c) whether a list of the ryots examined would be placed on the table of the House together with a tabulated statement of the facts deposed to by each of them ?

A —(a), (b) & (c) The Government have no further information other than that already published in the scheme report.

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—" May I know whether the hon. the Revenue Member will be pleased to call for the information asked for in the question ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" As regards clauses (a) and (b), yes ; not as regards (c) because the Government do not feel justified in publishing the private affairs of ryots."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" In view of the fact that there are statements in the scheme report which have been based on an enquiry into the condition of the ryots, is it not necessary that the names of those ryots should be given to indicate whether or not the enquiry will justify the conclusions ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I do not think that the names are material."